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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/586,098	Applicant(s) LAKSIN ET AL.	
	Examiner Manish S. Shah	Art Unit 2853	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ylitalo et al. (# US 2003/0083396) in view of Subbraman et al. (# US 5710195).

Ylitalo et al. discloses:

- A printing ink comprising: (i) polymerizable material ([0085]); (ii) an energy curable monomer, oligomer, or mixture thereof ([0090]-[0093]); and (iii) a vehicle ([0079]-[0081]).
- The energy curable monomer, oligomer, or mixture thereof, is an ethylenically unsaturated monomer, oligomer, or mixture thereof ([0091]-[0093]), wherein the energy curable monomer, oligomer, or mixture thereof, is in an amount of about 1% to 50% by weight of the printing ink ([0093]).
- The vehicle comprises water, ethanol, n-propanol, iso-propanol, n-butanol, sec-butanol, tert-butanol, iso-butanol, n-pentanol, or ethyl acetate ([0081]).
- The ink further comprising a photoinitiator, wherein the photoinitiator is in an amount between about 0.1% and about 20% (5 to 15%) by weight of the printing ink ([0094]-[0099]).

- The photoinitiator is selected from the group consisting of benzophenone ([0095]).
- A method of printing comprising: (i) printing a substrate with the printing ink (ii) drying the printed ink; and (iii) exposing the printed ink to an actinic radiation, wherein actinic radiation is IR light or electron beam ([0109]-[0113]).
- The steps (ii) and (iii) are performed sequentially or steps (ii) and (iii) are performed simultaneously ([0112]).

Ylitalo et al. differ from the claim of the present invention is that the ink comprising the solvent-soluble resin, which is selected from nitrocellulose, acrylate, methacrylate, polyester, polyamide, copolymer of styrene and maleic anhydride, polyurethane and epoxy. The solvent-soluble resin is in a range between about 0.1% to about 40% by weight of the printing ink.

Subbaraman et al. teaches that to get printed image with high opacity, with high contrast and good adhesion, ink composition comprises the solvent-soluble resin (see Abstract), wherein resin is selected from styrene resin, and acrylate type resin (see Abstract; column: 3, line: 55-67; column: 4, line: 1-20; see Examples), and nitrocellulose (see Examples; column: 5, line: 5-15). They also teaches that the solvent-soluble resin is in a range between about 0.1% to about 40% by weight of the printing ink (column: 3, line: 55-65; see Examples).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the ink composition of Ylitalo et al. by the aforementioned teaching

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of Subbaraman et al. in order to have a printed image with high opacity, with high contrast and good adhesion.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manish S. Shah whose telephone number is (571) 272-2152. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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